

Preparedness at a Glance



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What's New in Preparedness?



Submitted by Jim House, Public Health Preparedness Branch Manager

During the week of April 17-20, 2018, Preparedness Staff traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for the Annual Preparedness Summit and to Savannah, Georgia for the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG) Conference. Preparedness staff presented on best practices of real-world events in Kentucky. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) also provided a poster presentation at the summit. Preparedness management staff had the opportunity to learn about upcoming grant and program requirements following the split of the PHEP CDC and HPP ASPR grantors.



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June is National Pet
Preparedness Month

HAVE A PLAN AND
AN EMERGENCY KIT!



UPDATE: Hepatitis A Outbreak

The Department for Public Health are urging citizens in the affected counties to get the vaccine. The Commonwealth has seen 629 cases of the disease as of May 25, 2018. The outbreak began in Jefferson County last August, and has now spread to 41 of the 120 Kentucky counties.



Local Highlights:

Kentucky River District Health Department speaks at Kentucky River Council against Maltreatment of Elders

Submitted by Jarrod Crase, Regional Preparedness Coordinator, Region 12

On March 15, 2018, Cory Waddell the Preparedness Coordinator, Region 12 Healthcare Coalition Coordinator and Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator from the Kentucky River District Health Department spoke at the Kentucky River Council Against Maltreatment of Elders Conference. The Kentucky River Council Against Maltreatment of Elders has been in existence since July 2003. The main goal of the council is to educate the Kentucky River Community on elder abuse in order to hopefully decrease the number of cases of elder abuse that go unreported to the proper authorities. Cory presented to the group about what the Region 12 Healthcare Coalition could offer in times of need and what equipment that could be utilized in an emergency, he also listed all of the partner agencies and members of



the coalition. Cory also spoke about personal preparedness and the importance of family preparedness, and about family preparedness kits. Medical Reserve Corps was the next topic and Cory stated how the MRC was utilized in the Rugged Red Marathon that was held in the Red River Gorge, and that MRC needs volunteers in the Region 12 area. Cory closed his presentation with links and information on preparedness for Region 12 and the dates and times of the Region 12 HCC meetings for members to attend.

Autism Training for First Responders

Submitted by Gina Porter, Preparedness Coordinator and Healthcare Coalition Coordinator, Region 10/11

Region 10/11 Healthcare Coalition sponsored an Autism Training for First Responders and Autism Safety Training for Caregivers on March 12 and 13, 2018 in Ashland and Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Autism Alert, Inc. trained over 125 responders on identifying persons on the spectrum, interaction guidelines, search and rescue protocols, emergency scenarios, resources and given an increased awareness to develop community partnerships.

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Autism Training for First Responders

Would you recognize a person with autism?

Police, Fire, EMS, 911 and ER Staff Welcome!

Monday, March 12, 2018
9 am - 3 pm

Ashland Transportation Center
99 15th Street, Ashland, KY

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
9 am - 3 pm

Floyd County Rescue Squad
132 Cliff Rd, Prestonsburg, KY

REGISTER TODAY: GinaM.Porter@ky.gov -or- 606-886-2788 x242

Would you know how to interact with them if you did?

TRAINING TOPICS:

- Signs and symptoms
- Interaction guidelines
- Emergency scenarios
- Info for police, fire, EMS, and medical professionals
- Search and rescue protocol
- Community partnerships
- And much more!



HPP Highlights:

Region 15 Healthcare Coalition has a NEW COORDINATOR

Submitted by Dave Carney, Regions 15 & 7 Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator

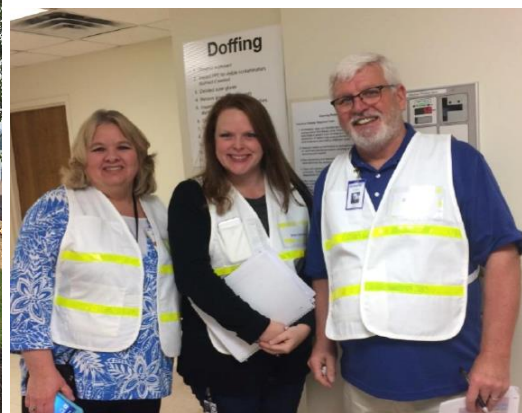


The Region 15 Healthcare Coalition (HCC) welcomes Barrett Schoeck as the Coalition Coordinator. He accepted the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Region 15 Healthcare Coalition Coordinator position with Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in May. Schoeck will assume the position that was held by Dan Satterfield, who officially retired in April. Schoeck graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. degree in Environmental Health Sciences. Upon graduation in 2004, he worked in Louisville conducting lead and asbestos sampling and inspections. Mr. Schoeck came to

the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in 2006, where he has worked as an Environmental Health Specialist. He has participated in multiple emergency response trainings, assisting in planning and participating in real world training events. Barrett and his wife Lauren welcomed a new addition to their family on April 9, 2018. They have been blessed with two girls, Evelyn (1 month) and Anna Belle (18 months). Lauren works as a Heart Transplant Coordinator for the Gill Heart Institute at the University of Kentucky. Barrett looks forward to learning more about the program and creating long lasting relationships within the coalition. Everyone please welcome Barrett Schoeck to our Preparedness family!

Good Luck & Farewell Terry Stewart, HPC Regions 8/9 & 10/11

On May 1, Terry Stewart retired from the Department for Public Health Preparedness Branch. He served as the Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator for Regions 8/9 and 10/11 since May 2015. Prior to joining DPH, he worked at Gateway District Health Department as the Preparedness and Coalition Coordinator for 10 years. Before Terry started his public health career, he had military experience and he worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Floyd, Rowan, Cumberland and Bath Counties. These days you can find Terry enjoying retirement by traveling the country in his RV! Congrats Terry!



Good Luck & Farewell to Our Preparedness Intern!

Rachael Helm was a senior at the University of Kentucky studying Public Health. She graduated with her Bachelors of Public Health on May 4, 2018. Rachael has been volunteering through the DPH internship program with Public Health Preparedness focusing on the Medical Reserve Corps program since June 2017. After graduation, she plans to explore programs and careers that allow her the opportunity to continue school and studying Environmental Health. Rachael stated she chose this field of study because she has always been interested in the environment and making a difference in Global Health. Rachel stated, "There are so many endless opportunities through Public Health and I am so excited to see what opportunities are in my near future!" All of us at DPH wish her the best of luck in her career!



Good Luck & Farewell to One of Our ZIKA Partners!

On April 20th, DPH said farewell to a valuable partner, Dr. Iga Stasiak, Wildlife Veterinarian with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). Dr. Stasiak is a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ontario, where she became an expert in wildlife veterinary medicine. She practiced in rural South Africa, the Toronto Zoo, and in the subarctic region of the Northwest Territory before being hired by KDFWR in 2014. While she was here, Dr. Stasiak frequently collaborated with DPH in preparing public educational material about raccoons, bats,



mosquitoes, and ticks, and she



was a staunch supporter of the One Health initiative in Kentucky. Her recently published data on tick species in Kentucky, particularly the distribution of the black legged tick, which can transmit Lyme disease to humans, has compelled DPH to develop a plan for tick and tick-borne disease surveillance in the state. Dr. Stasiak's new position is that of Wildlife Health Specialist with the Government of Saskatchewan, Canada. Best Wishes to Iga, from her friends and colleagues at DPH!

Upcoming Events:

Health and Medical Preparedness Advisory Council (HMPAC) held at KCTCS in Versailles, KY.	June 13
HPP Leadership held at KCTCS in Versailles, KY	June 29
Region 4 ESF #8 Unified Planning Coalition held at St. Augustine, Florida	July 18-20
Foodborne Illness Response Strategies Epi Ready Team Training, Prestonsburg, KY. Register on TRAIN using Course ID# 1076373	July 25-26
Ebola Hospital Assessment, University of Louisville Site Visit	July 31

Deliverables: Don't Miss the Deadline!



Report Quarterly in Catalyst

PHEP Deliverables

- **DOMAIN 1: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:**
All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**
- **DOMAIN 2: INCIDENT MANAGEMENT**
All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**
- **DOMAIN 4: COUNTERMEASURES AND MITIGATION**
All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**
- **DOMAIN 5: SURGE MANAGEMENT**
All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**

MRC Deliverables Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

- All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**

EPI Deliverables Contact: Kristy.Bolen@ky.gov for more information.

- **Nothing is required for Catalyst for Regional Epidemiologists.**

HPP Deliverables Contact: JamesR.House@ky.gov for more information.

- All deliverables are due- By **June 30, 2018**

CRI Deliverables Contact: Rick.Johnson@ky.gov for more information.

- **No Catalyst Entries Required. Please report in Data Collation and Integration for Public Health Responses (DCIPHER).**



Calendar Reminders

June 30

ALL Catalyst entries are due!

July 1

2018-2019 LHD/HCC
Deliverables begin!
Catalyst for 2017-18 is closed.

July 4

KDPH & LHDs will be closed
in observance of
Independence Day



August

Back to School



Newsletter Submissions

Please send suggestions or articles that you would like to see included in the newsletter. We welcome the chance to highlight your activities, overview of your programs, projects and trainings. Please submit articles for the newsletter to Teddy.Slone@ky.gov before **August 24, 2018**.